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ATTENTION ALL PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS

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SUBJECT: US POSITION FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY PARTICIPATION
IN TOKYO ROUND

1. YOUR ATTENTION IS CALLED TO JULY 3 WIRELESS FILE ITEM
"US HOPES FOR TOKYO ROUND". THE STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR
MCDONALD TO THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING IS
THE AUTHORITATIVE US POSITION FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY PAR-
TICIPATION IN THE TOKYO ROUND AS WE APPROACH THE JULY 15
TARGET DATE FOR POLITICAL AGREEMENT ON AS MANY TOKYO ROUND
ISSUES AS POSSIBLE.

2. THE TNC WAS CALLED AT THE REQUEST OF SOME THIRTY TO
THIRTY-FIVE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHO GENERALLY TOOK THE
LINE THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN FULL OPPORTUNITY TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE TOKYO ROUND. THE US STATEMENT POINTED
OUT THAT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE HAS BEEN DONE TO FACILITATE
AND ENCOURAGE LDC PARTICIPATION UNDER THE ACCELERATED TIME
SCHEDULE WHICH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ALIKE
HAVE AGREED TO.

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3. THE US STATEMENT WAS NOT DEFENSIVE IN TONE. IT POINT-
ED OUT THAT THERE IS NO TECHNICAL REASON WHY WE SHOULD
FAIL TO REACH AGREEMENT ON MANY OF THE ISSUES BY JULY 15
IF SUFFICIENT COLLECTIVE POLITICAL WILL CAN BE BROUGHT TO
BEAR. IT POINTED OUT THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL BE
THE MAJOR BENEFICIARIES OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT THE

UNITED STATES WILL BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS
WITH LDCS IN THE POST JULY 15 PERIOD.

4. FYI SINCE THE TABLING OF THE US OFFER IN JANUARY THE
US HAS TAKEN A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC STEPS IN GENEVA AND IN
CAPITALS TO MAKE LDC PARTICIPATION MORE EFFECTIVE.
5. IF THE SUBJECT OF LDC PARTICIPATION SHOULD ARISE IN
INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS, PAOS AND ECONOMIC OFFICERS MAY WISH
TO DRAW UPON AMBASSADOR MCDONALD'S STATEMENT, EMPHASIZING
THAT THE UNITED STATES DESIRES ACTIVE LDC PARTICIPATION,
THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS TAKEN STEPS TO MAKE THAT POS-
SIBLE AND THAT BECAUSE OF THE SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES LDCS
HAVE HAD IN ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING (SMALL STAFFS, POOR
COMMUNICATIONS WITH CAPITALS) WE ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE
DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM FOLLOWING THE JULY 15 POLITICAL
LEVEL AGREEMENT

6. YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO REFER TO STATEMENTS BY AMBASSA-
DOR STRAUSS ON JULY 5 TO NEWSMEN IN WASHINGTON THAT IT IS
NOT LIKELY THAT ALL ISSUES WILL BE RESOLVED BY JULY 15.

7. DRAFTED BY MEYERS. MCDONALD

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